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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 August 19, 2014

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

July 22, 2014

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650

RE: Rosemead School District Board of Trustees Resolution No. 14-15/03, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 4, 2014

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk,

Enclosed please find the original resolution calling for a General Obligation Bond for the Rosemead School District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 626-312-2900 x212, via fax at 626-307-6148, or via email at cbracamonte@rosemead.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Mullia Macaminto Cymthia Bracamonte

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Cc: Arturo Delgado, Ed.D., LACOE Superintendent Saachi A. Hamai, Exec. Officer, LA Co Board of Supervisors

# **APPROVED**

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# ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Rosemead, California

ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE:

July 17, 2014

TO:

Members, Board of Trustees

FROM:

Amy Enomoto-Perez, Ed.D., Superintendent

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 14-15/03, Resolution of the Board of Trustees of The Rosemead School District Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 4,

2014

**BACKGROUND:** Voter approved Measure O in 2008 helped to make essential and much needed upgrades and improvements to our schools such as upgrading restrooms, replacing inefficient water, plumbing and electrical upgrades. Our elementary and middle schools were built decades ago and are in need of essential repairs such as leaky roofs, communications, and fire alarm or fire safety systems.

All students deserve a chance to succeed and have safe and modern classrooms. A measure such as this would focus upon safety and repair of classrooms. Classrooms that were not in need of repair in 2008 must be upgraded to current educational standards and much has changed over the last 6 years with new rigorous national standards and the need for upgraded computer learning technology and the infrastructure to support such as the result of the new Common Core Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessments.

**ANALYSIS:** If the Board votes to place a bond measure on the ballot, it would need to be supported by 55% of those who vote. All registered voters in the Rosemead School District would be eligible to vote on the measure. Passage of the local school bond measure could also qualify the school district for some state matching funds when available. The school bond would generate \$30 million dollars over the life of the measure.

The school bond measure dollars would be locally controlled. This funding could not be taken by the state. The measure would cost property owners no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (not market value).

By law, all funds from the measure could only be spent to improve schools. Annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as promised. None of the money could be used for administrator salaries or pensions.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** If this Resolution is approved by the Board and the Bond Measure is approved by the voters, there would be no impact to the District's General Fund. All project related expenditures would be funded by bond funds or any other legally appropriate restricted facilities funds.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** While no final decisions have been made to date, the Board has received information and has been considering placing the potential school bond measure on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The District is still seeking out additional input from the community, parents, teachers, and staff.

Approval of the following resolution would place a school bond measure on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot. If additional time for consideration of this resolution is needed, prior to a formal vote on the resolution, the Board of Trustees can convene an additional July 24 special meeting to further discuss and vote upon this matter.

# ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Rosemead, California

## RESOLUTION NO. 14-15/03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Rosemead School District (the "District"), it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the acquisition and improvement of real property, and the furnishing and equipping of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, all of our students deserve a quality education to give them a strong start in life by providing safe, modern classrooms with the learning materials and technology they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, many local elementary and middle schools were built decades ago, including schools that are over 70 years old, and require essential repairs to fix aging classrooms, leaky roofs; replace outdated security, emergency communications and fire safety systems; and remove asbestos and lead paint; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined a need to upgrade science and computer labs, classroom technology and libraries so students have a strong foundation in math, science and technology, and access to the resources needed in the 21st-century economy; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the approval of Proposition 39 on November 7, 2000, Article XIII A Section 1 paragraph (b) of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") provides an exception to the limit on *ad valorem* property taxes on real property for bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the voters of the district voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the Board, to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of the electorate on the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10403 et seq. of the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar") to perform certain election services for the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$30,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of raising money to finance school facilities and property of the District, and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in the ballot proposition approved pursuant to Section 3. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election.

Section 2. Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 4, 2014, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

Section 3. Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a full copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. As required by Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B". The Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition as required to conform to any requirements of Article XIII A, the Act or the Registrar.

Section 4. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 *et. seq.* of the Education Code and Section I, paragraph (b), subsection (3) of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 5. School Facilities Projects. As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth on Exhibit A.

Section 6. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII A and Section 15278 of the Act, in the event fifty-five percent (55%) of the voters in the District approve the issuance of the Bonds, the Board shall:

(1) conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects listed in Exhibit A;

- (2) conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A; and
- (3) establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280 and 15282 of the Act.
- Section 7. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, the Registrar, and the Los Angeles County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- Section 8. Consolidation of Election. The Registrar and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 4, 2014, within the District.
- Section 9. Ballot Arguments; Tax Rate Statement. Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any Tax Rate Statement or other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.
- Section 10. Accountability Measures. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, a statement in substantially the following form shall be included on the ballot for the Bonds, and the Board covenants to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 53411 of the Government Code:

#### **Accountability Measures**

As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures are hereby made a part of the District's Bond Measure \_\_ (the "Measure"):

- a) The specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in the Full Text of the Measure;
- b) The proceeds from the sale of the District's bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in the Measure, and not for any other purpose;
- c) The proceeds of the Bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code; and

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d) The Superintendent of the District shall file an annual report with the Board of Trustees of the District, commencing not later than one year following the issuance of the first series of the Bonds, and annually thereafter, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in the Measure.

Section 11. Term of the Bonds. The Bonds shall mature not more than 40 years from their issue date.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

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NOES:

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ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

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President of the Board of Trustees

Rosemead School District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Rosemead School District

I, <u>Ronald Esquivel</u>, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Rosemead School District, Los Angeles County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by said Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on the 17th day of July, 2014, and that the minutes of said Board of Trustees shows that <u>Mr. Dennis McDonald</u>, <u>Mr. Ronald Esquivel</u>, <u>Mr. Randall Cantrell</u>, <u>Mrs. Rhonda Harmon</u>, and <u>Mr. John Quintanilla</u> (5) members of said Board voted for and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(0) members of said Board voted against the adoption of said Resolution and the said Resolution is now spread upon the minutes of said Board.

Clerk of the Board of Trustees Rosemead School District

## EXHIBIT A

#### BALLOT MEASURE FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

Rosemead Neighborhood School Safety and Repair Measure—To improve schools by repairing deteriorating classrooms, bathrooms and plumbing; leaky roofs/windows; removing asbestos/lead paint; upgrading school security/fire safety; upgrading classroom technology/science labs; and repairing, constructing, and acquiring educational facilities, sites, and equipment; shall Rosemead School District issue 30 million dollars in bonds, at legal rates, requiring annual independent financial audits and independent citizens' oversight, no money for administrators' salaries and pensions, and all funds used locally?

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, such as teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

# Rosemead School District Bond Project List

The Rosemead School District will use bond funds for the following school facility projects:

Encinita Elementary School, Built 1948 Janson Elementary School, Built 1946 Shuey Elementary School, Built 1953 Savannah Elementary School, Built 1938 Muscatel Middle School, Built 1948 District Administration, Built in 1922 Other District Support Facilities

Such projects shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- Repair and replace outdated and leaky roofs throughout the District.
- Repair, replace and upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with energy efficient systems along with any necessary structural modifications, throughout the District.
- Make safety and utility upgrades throughout the District including fire alarm, communication, data, security systems, lighting and fencing to ensure sites are adequately secured.
- Upgrade and modernize science and computer labs and school libraries

- Make improvements to the drinking water and plumbing systems in all classrooms and support facilities throughout the District to address health and safety issues.
- Provide additional computers and other instructional technology; upgrade electrical and technological and audiovisual systems throughout the District to improve student access to computers and other modern technology.
- Make improvements to comply with handicapped accessibility requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act) and other code compliance issues throughout the District.
- Improve and upgrade buildings and infrastructures to conserve natural resources and promote conservation.
- Upgrade cafeterias and food preparation facilities throughout the District.
- Enhance, improve and repair green areas, playing fields and playground equipment throughout the District.
- Repair, replace and upgrade play surface areas throughout the District to increase student safety.
- Acquire portable classrooms previously financed with Certificates of Participation for continuation of class size reduction programs and for replacement of older buildings.
- Replace portable buildings including conducting necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with removal/installation throughout the District.
- Repair and replace windows, doors and hardware throughout the District.
- Repair, replace and upgrade interior finishes in all classrooms, multipurpose rooms and other support facilities throughout the District.
- Repair, replace and upgrade exterior walls, walkways, wood trim and support columns.
- Repair, enhance and expand parking lots throughout the District.
- Perform necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, replacement of buildings and renovation or remodeling of buildings.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, modernization and repairs (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Furnish and equip sites as needed to the extent permitted by law.
- Acquire land and buildings for educational and support functions.
- Address unforeseen emergency repairs related to health and safety.

#### **EXHIBIT B**

# BALLOT MEASURE (ABBREVIATED FORM)\*

Rosemead Neighborhood School Safety and Repair Measure–To improve schools by repairing deteriorating classrooms, bathrooms and plumbing; leaky roofs/windows; removing asbestos/lead paint; upgrading school security/fire safety; upgrading classroom technology/science labs; and repairing, constructing, and acquiring educational facilities, sites, and equipment; shall Rosemead School District issue 30 million dollars in bonds, at legal rates, requiring annual independent financial audits and independent citizens' oversight, no money for administrators' salaries and pensions, and all funds used locally?

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